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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-41 and 43-61 remain in this application.

Claims 1 and 42 have been cancelled.

Claims 2-19 and 43-50 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of their limitations. Claims 2 and 43 have been so rewritten. The remaining claims 3-19 and 44-50 are dependent on claims 2 or 43.

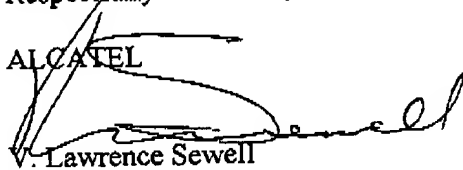
Claims 20-27 and 51-56 have been amended to be dependent on allowable claims 2 or 43. Accordingly, they are believed allowable over the cited prior art. In addition, since they have been made dependent on claims not rejected for double patenting, it is believed the double patenting rejection no longer applies to these claims.

Claims 28-41 and 57-61 have been allowed.

It is believed that the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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